



**Wisconsin Conference
United Church of Christ**

Catalyst Grants Fund Community-Based Ministries and Partnerships

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The Catalyst Team believes that community-based ministries and partnerships are a key marker of congregational vitality and strength. These ministries and partnerships mean that a congregation is aware of and responsive to the needs of its neighborhood or community.

One of the questions the Catalyst Team explores when it comes to making decisions about grant proposals is “in what ways does this proposed project connect a local congregation with community partners?” We want to fund projects that demonstrate a commitment to relationships and to community beyond the walls of the church building and that stretch a congregation to reach out to its neighbors in some way.

Over the last few years we have provided funding for a wide array of projects that we felt were demonstrating healthy and exciting community-based ministries and partnerships. How does your congregation connect with its neighborhood or community? What existing partnerships do you have?

What partnerships could you imagine forming? What is something your community needs as we navigate this pandemic that is something your congregation could help with in some way? [Here is a short list of just a few projects that have received funding to date to spark your thinking.](#)

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